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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :
CHRISTIAN PITOT ET AL. : ATTN: APPLICATION DIVISION
SERIAL NO: 09/673,666 :
FILED: JUNE 25, 2001 :
FOR: PROCESS AND DEVICE FOR THE
SEQUENTIAL ADDRESSING OF
THE INPUTS OF A MULTIPLEXER...

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Prior to a first examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified
application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 1-12 without prejudice.

Please add new Claims 13-24 as follows:

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13. (New) Process for sequential addressing of inputs of a multiplexer that includes plural stages of switches from its inputs to its output and that is addressed at a level of each stage of switches by an elementary counter provided with a counting input, with a reinitialization input, with counting outputs controlling the switches of a relevant stage and with an overflow output, and chained to the elementary counters of lower stages of switches